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Preface to the First American Edition.

It cannot escape observation that the author of the following pages has been led, or has fallen into some errors, both of fact and inference. These we have not thought it necessary in all cases to notice. Every candid reader will pronounce such errors inevitable, for from what class in any country is perfectly accurate information to be obtained? And in a new country of such extent as America, how must this difficulty be increased! The book is given unaltered, and a few notes added where they appeared necessary to correct an erroneous impression.

Candid accounts of ourselves are always acceptable from intelligent travellers, and in this class we do not hesitate to place Barrister Vigne. Not a few, however, will smile at his allusions to the "*influence of a court*," and when he argues the cause of the law of primogeniture, many will think his eloquence thrown away. In politics his views may not always chime in with the opinions of the reader, but taken altogether, the "*Six Months in America*," may be admitted to be of a superior cast, when compared with the mass of books from the pens of British tourists who have visited us, and paid their expenses by publishing their crudities and abuse.